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PRESIDENT OBAMA SPEAKS TO CLASS OF 2015

20 May, 2015—Today, President Barack Obama, during his last presidential commencement address at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, congratulated and welcomed the Coast Guard's newest wave of leaders. As 217 cadets in the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Class of 2015 swore the oath of office in the presence of their commander in chief, they set their course to ensure their names would be etched in the annals of history. President Obama pointed out the fact that 33 percent of the graduating class is made up of underrepresented minorities, making the Class of 2015 the most diverse class ever to graduate from the Academy.



President Barack Obama speaks to graduating U.S. Coast Guard Academy cadets at the 2015 Commencement Ceremony May 20, 2015. U.S.C.G. photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Cory J. Mendenhall

"We are joined today by Commander Merle Smith, the first African American graduate of this academy. His legacy endures in you, because the graduating class of 2015 is the most diverse in Academy history and you took care of each other like family," said Obama. The President encouraged the graduates to strive for greatness as they embark on new endeavors.

"Cadets, you are at the start of your careers," said Obama. "We cannot know, each of us, how many days we will walk this earth. We can't guarantee we are all going to live 'til we are 100. But what we can do is live each day to its fullest. What we can do is look squarely at what will make the biggest difference for future generations and be willing to tackle those challenges. As you embark on your life of service, as you man your stations, head to the seas, take to the skies. If you remember all that you've learned here. How you came here and came together to achieve as a team, what you could never do alone. Then I am confident that you will truly go where few dare. You will rise to meet the challenges that not only face our country, but face our planet, and your legacy will be a nation that will be stronger and safer for generations to come."

The Class of 2015's Distinguished Honor Graduate, Ensign Justin Sherman, offered his enthusiastic and sincere thoughts about his class' future.

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CO's Corner – To the men and women who have served and retired before me, my time has come to join your ranks and this will be my last retiree newsletter column as the Pay & Personnel Center's Commanding Officer. I thoroughly enjoyed writing these columns over the past three years and hopefully shared interesting and occasionally useful information to the retiree community.

When I first knew I would be retiring this year, I wasn't too thrilled about the prospect. However, the closer the date gets, the bigger my smile has become! I can hardly believe three years as PPC's Commanding Officer, let alone 27 years on active duty have slipped by so quickly. During these past three years, PPC served over 155,000 customers world-wide, processed over \$5B annually in payroll, travel claims, and court-ordered payments, helped DHS earn an unqualified audit opinion two years in a row, welcomed a new payroll customer base - the U. S. Public Health Service, and implemented a new pay system for Coast Guard and NOAA members. Through it all, PPC members and employees were resilient and always customer focused. It has been an honor leading such an esteemed team of professionals and I am certain my relief, Captain Peter Brady, will continue PPC's proud tradition of serving all our customers with ardor and distinction.

I stand relieved.

CAPT Stuart Lebruska
Commanding Officer
USCG Pay and Personnel Center

FEATURED SHIP OF THE QUARTER



Editor's note: The **USCGC POLAR SEA (WAGB-11)** is currently in inactive commission in Seattle, Washington. For more information on the ship's history, you may visit the following website: <http://www.uscg.mil/pacarea/cgcpolarsea/>

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The Retiree Newsletter is a publication containing news of general interest, suggestions, and information to keep Coast Guard, NOAA and PHS retirees and their family members informed of recent developments. This publication shall not be considered authority and is non-record material.

REUNIONS AND NOTICES

Calling all LORANIMALS –The last of the US LORAN Stations have been shut down. Come and join us at: www.Loran-history.info. The web site remembers the Coast Guardsmen who served aboard Loran-A, Loran-C stations and other Loran billets worldwide. These dedicated Coasties are but a few who provided radio navigation signals to millions of navigators. Hosted by CPO Joe Jester, USCG (ret) and MCPO Bill Dietz, USCG (ret).

POINT OF INQUIRY. We are writing a story for publication about the History and modernization and updating of US Lighthouses and ATONS from 1945 - 1975 and would like to interview anyone who has experience with the USCG during those years, especially east coast around 1960. Of particular interest is the official policy concerning the disposition of the obsolete equipment and instructions to personnel on disposal of Lighthouse lenses and obsolete ATON's. Please email or call - steve@chestnutdev.com or 810-599-5147.

USCGC MACKINAW sailors and all other interested parties may be interested to know that the ship, though decommissioned in 2006, now resides at her namesake home of Mackinaw City, Michigan, and is open for public tours and group events. Visit her at the museum website: <http://www.themackinaw.org/>

GRAND CANYON CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION was established as its own chapter on July 16, 2012 with the approval of the national MOAA Board of Directors. It now has 81 members and publishes its own newsletter, The Canyon Echo. To read a copy of the newsletter and to learn more about this chapter visit their website at: <http://www.moaa.org/chapter/AZ11>. You may also call Colonel (ret) Peter Kloeber at (928) 525-0585.

THE GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL is growing but we have room for a lot more Coast Guard retirees and annuitants. Come aboard and join the crew! If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact Mike Kelly, LCDR (Ret) at mike1940@centurytel.net or Keith Livingstone, MCPO (Ret) at bassbolt@yahoo.com.

HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL will meet at 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Schultz at rschultz369@gmail.com or BMCS Dutton at DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com if you have any questions.

TRACEN YORKTOWN Retiree Council office is located in the lobby on the first floor of Steuben Hall. Office hours are 0800-1400 Monday thru Wednesday or by appointment. Telephone (757) 856-2136 or e-mail us at: yktnretiree@gmail.com. Our website address is: www.cgretireeyktn.com.

Coast Guard Activities, Europe Facebook Page. Any former members of Coast Guard Activities, Europe Loran C Operations (July 1995 and prior) ACTEUR in London and including Estartit, Lampedusa, Sellia Marina, Sylt, Karagarburn are welcome to join our Facebook page "Coast Guard Activities Europe" and share their memories.

Informal Captains Luncheon. In keeping with a tradition started by RADM Al Manning more than 30 years ago, Coast Guard Captains in the Los Angeles area gather for an informal luncheon on the second Wednesday of every month. Captains in the area are cordially invited to attend. Should you wish to be included on the mailing list, you may advise the mess treasurer, CAPT John H. (Jack) Guest at jack@guestgroup.com.

The **Cactus Coast Guard** meets three times a year in the Phoenix, AZ area for brunch and camaraderie. All former, active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard members are welcome. We have an active e-mail list so please respond by same to artgbeard@aol.com. No e-mail, contact SKCM Art Sloane, USCG, Ret., (480) 802-6810.

All eight **Omega Stations** were shut down Sep 30th, 1997. If you were stationed at either of the two Coast Guard Manned Stations (LaMoure ND, Kaneohe, HI) or with the **Omega Navigation Systems Operations Detail** (ONSOD) and/or the **Omega Navigation Systems Center**, we would like to hear from you with respect to your thoughts and experiences. Check out the website: <http://www.Haikuvalley.com> or email CPO Matthew Bezayiff (ret) for further info at mbezayiff@icloud.com

USCGC TANEY VIETNAM CREW will have a reunion commemorating 45 years since our return from Vietnam in Baltimore, MD, Friday, August 28, 2015 to Sunday, August 30. There will be special events aboard USCGC TANEY and other social activities. For information contact Captain Jim Devitt at (415) 383-5662 or via the following email: jhdevitt@yahoo.com or Frank Tobat at (410) 546-1557 or via email at: frank@hvacservicesunlimited.com

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Attention retirees in the 9th District:

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Schmidt the new Retiree Services Director for Base Cleveland as per the Coast Guard Retiree Services Program, COMDTINST 1800.5_. My AOR as the director for Base Cleveland is the boundaries of the Ninth Coast Guard District. I can be used as a point of contact for retiree information. I can be reached at (216) 902-6355 and William.A.Schmidt@uscg.mil. I would also like to start a list of CG retirees in the D9 AOR to disseminate information for retirees from myself, D9, Ninth District Retiree Council and MWR. If you would like to be on this list please send your phone number and e-mail address to me at the email listed above.

Those interested in joining the membership of the **FIRST COAST, COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL**, Jacksonville, FL please contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG (Ret), at: BWester2549@aol.com

COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE ASSOCIATION

(CGIA) is a professional organization whose purpose is to further camaraderie, friendship and professional working relationships among former and present CGIS and CGI Special Agents and Investigators, Security Managers and Intelligence Officers. We hold annual conventions in order to swap "war" and "sea" stories while renewing old friendships and making new ones. We currently have approximately 150 members and hope to grow. Anyone interested in applying for membership can view the association web page at:

www.coastguardinvestigativeassociation.org

The Base New Orleans Retiree Council is now over 70 members strong and looking for more to help serve retirees in the 8th District and the Base. POC is Jim, the Volunteer Director at james.r.montgomery@uscg.mil or (985) 246-9483. It meets the second Wednesday of each month, alternating business meetings and social events. The Base St. Louis Retiree Council, focusing on the northern portion of the District, has PERS2 Tom Fairley as its Active Duty Coordinator at: thomas.e.fairley@uscg.mil

Shipmates of the **USCGC CONFIDENCE/ACTIVE**, we are working on a reunion sometime possibly this year. If you were on these cutters between 1984 and 1989 contact Russell Pogue at rpogue63@gmail.com. If you are on FACEBOOK look for Connie/active reunion and friend us.

The **KEEPERS OF THE PATOS LIGHT LIGHTHOUSE** friends group would like to announce their intention to raise funds for the return and installation of the American Flag and Flagpole to Patos Island. The flag and pole will be installed, hopefully, by the end of the year. A fundraising effort is underway. Donations can be sent to: c/o Keepers of the Patos Light, "Flag Fund" and sent to this address: PO Box 518, Lopez Island, WA 98261. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by an invitation to the island for the dedication ceremony.

Linda Hudson
President, Keepers of the Patos Light
A 501C3 non-profit organization

The National Capital Region (NCR) Chapter of the Coast Guard Cuttermen Association encourages any active, retired, and former CG Cuttermen in the DC area (officer and enlisted) to become involved in your local chapter. This chapter was commissioned approximately one year ago and is looking to expand our membership. For more information see **Cuttermen Association** website at: <http://www.cuttermen.org/>
NCR Chapter President: CAPT Matt Gimple, USCG can be reached at: matthew.j.gimple@uscg.mil or gimplemj@gmail.com.

The Pensacola Coast Guard Retiree Council & Coast Guard Friends & Family organizations jointly meet on the second Thursday of each month from 5-9 P.M. at the Golden Corral restaurant (located at the corner of 9th Ave. and Langley Ave. in Pensacola, FL). Folks of all Coast Guard affiliations are welcome. We enjoy your fellowship and sharing of your Coast Guard experiences. For more information, please call Bill Hayden. Phone: (850) 554-3858 or email to: coastguardfamily@yahoo.com.

USCGC WESTWIND (WAGB 281) Reunion to be held September 16-18, 2015 at The Grand Hotel, 1045 Beach Ave, Cape May, NJ 08204 (609) 884 5611. For more information contact Alex Mavica at: Amavica1@verizon.net

USCGC BIBB REUNION. The BIBB Shipmates Association will be holding its reunion from October 11th to October 14th, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Charleston, Mount Pleasant, SC. To reserve your room, you need to call the hotel at 1-843-884-6000 and identify yourself as part of the BIBB Shipmates Association to receive the group room rate of \$114 per night (plus tax). There is a \$60 (per person) activity fee to cover hospitality suite, snacks, banquet room and related taxes. For further information, contact Oke Thorngren at (941) 204-9457 or Jim Tweed at (508) 478-9694.

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2015 PRINSENDAM RESCUE REUNION - "Calling on all former Shipmates, Aviators, and personnel stationed ashore who assisted in the rescue of 519 passengers and crew aboard the burning Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam on 4 - 5 October 1980 in the Gulf of Alaska." If you or someone you know was attached to any of the below listed units during the rescue and/or subsequent sinking of the Prinsendam and are not listed on my roster "I Want To Hear From You": USCGC BOUTWELL - USCGC MELLON - USCGC WOODRUSH - USCGC BITT - USCG Air Stations Kodiak and Sitka - USCG Support Center Kodiak - USCG Marine Safety Offices Valdez and Juneau - PACAREA - CCGD17 - CCGD13 - CCGD12 - USCG CAMPAC - USCG Communication Station Kodiak - USCG Group Ketchikan - Elmendorf Air Force Base - Royal Canadian Air Force/Canadian Air Force - Alaskan Ham Radio Operators - Yakutat Fire Department - U.S. Tanker Williamsburgh - C/V SOHIO Intrepid - C/V Portland - Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam (Crew & Survivors)

Our Fourth Annual Reunion will be celebrated with activities beginning on Friday, 2 October through Sunday, 4 October 2015 in Seattle, Washington to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of "One of the Greatest Sea Rescues in Coast Guard History". A special invitation is also extended to rescued passengers and crew aboard the Prinsendam. If you require the assistance of a Stokes Litter to get that sorry caboose of yours out of Charlie Status one will be provided at no cost. Note: Subsequent and additional charges for transport via the new Coast Guard HITRON Helicopter may apply.

Contact YNCS Stan Jaceks, USCG, (Ret) by email at: stanley2421@localnet.com Phone (509) 760-4866 (c) to become a member of our Association, make a reservation or get additional information.

The Northern California Coast Guard Retiree Council announces the 25th Annual All Services Retiree Seminar. Speakers and information tables will provide the latest information on TRICARE, current legislation, legal assistance, scams, fraud, Space-A travel and more. When: 0800 - 1200, Saturday 22 August 2015 Where: Gresham Conference Center, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA Additional information available at: <http://sites.google.com/site/NCCGRC> Contact: David.D.Swanson@Outlook.com or by phone at (510) 390-6312.

USCGC YOCONA (WMEC 168) REUNION - There will be a reunion for the YOCONA in Astoria OR in September of 2015. The reunion is open to all that have served at any time during its tenure whether it was in Astoria, OR or Kodiak, AK. Memorabilia and old pictures of shipmates can be shared on the YOCONA Group page on FACEBOOK where much of the information is available. Please contact Ken Pearson by email for any information or registration procedures or phone the contacts listed below.

Please contact friends that may not have FACEBOOK that you may still be in contact with so we can get the word out to as many people as possible.

Dates and places are:

September 18th, 19th and 20th 2015

Where: Astoria, OR at the American Legion

Friday, there will be a meet and greet; Saturday, a dinner; and Sunday, a breakfast. Call for other details.

Points of contacts are:

Dave Caton: (BM) dbcaton28@yahoo.com (503) 440-3195 (cell) or (360) 761 7425 (home)

Ken Pearson: (MK) kenpearson@centurytel.net (503) 741-0860 (cell)

Jim Long: (QM) longjim99@gmail.com (707) 672-5579 (cell) or (707) 668-4001 (home)

COAST GUARD DAY 225 CENTRAL FLORIDA - A celebration of the Coast Guard's 225th birthday will be held at 3PM on Saturday, 1 August at the Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center located at 3560 Buena Vista Blvd in The Villages (no Villages' ID or gate pass required). There will be a catered buffet, live music by Country Recording Artist Carol Ann, door prizes and a 50-50 raffle. BYOB. Tickets are \$22.50 in advance. Proceeds from the event will be donated to "K-9s for Warriors." Please make your check out to "John Murphy" and mail to John Murphy, 2011 Plumosa Ct, The Villages, FL 32162; payment must be received by July 22nd. Tickets will be mailed to your return address. For information, send email to: USCGbirthday@aol.com or leave a message at phone number: (352) 391-2517.

THE 3RD ANNUAL TWIN CITIES ALL UNITED STATES COAST GUARD REUNION 2015 will be held Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Hopkins VFW in Hopkins, MN. All ex-Coasties & spouses & families are welcome. Contact us at email chriskalogerson@gmail.com or phone (952) 935-9065.

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CENTRAL FLORIDA COAST GUARD CLUB The Coast Guard Club of The Villages will hold our 5th annual celebration of the Coast Guard's birthday on August 1st, 2015. Mark your calendar. The event will be open to one and all and will feature a catered buffet and live entertainment. If you have not attended our previous Coast Guard Day events, email uscgbirthday@aol.com to get on our mailing list and receive future updates. Membership in the Club itself is open to all Coast Guardsmen who have served and reside in The Villages. We meet four times a year at the Coconut Grove Recreation Center, 1398 Stillwater Trail, The Villages, Florida 32162. Meetings start at 1830. Our next 2015 meeting will be held on April 8th, 2015 with meetings to follow on June 10th and September 10th. For more info about the club contact ohowell317@gmail.com.

PHILADELPHIA AREA RETIREES AND VETERANS LUNCHEON GROUP SEEKS LOCAL MEMBERS. Calling all Coast Guard retirees, veterans and active duty who live in or near Philadelphia's northwest suburbs. A Coast Guard luncheon group has been gathering regularly at the Heritage Restaurant on route 113 in Franconia Township for the purpose of swapping yarns and enjoying the company of old shipmates. It's a diverse group that includes members in cutter and aviation service, lighthouses, lightships, ice breakers and Loran Stations from World War II to the present. Everyone with Coast Guard service is welcome. Contact Bob Dell at: rbard1@verizon.net or (610) 222-4645 to have your name included for luncheon date notices.

USCGC MESQUITE (WLB 305)/USCGC ACACIA (WLB 406) REUNION. We are having a reunion for the Great Lakes buoy tenders at Manistee, MI on July 18, 2015. Anyone who has served onboard either ship please contact YNC Fred Garbo (Ret) at: garbos4@hotmail.com. If you or anyone you know was a member of the crew, please contact them and give me their contact info also.

RETIREE-VETERANS EVENTS The below listed website includes a list of events throughout the country of interest to Retirees and Veterans:
http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html

Attention retirees in or having served in District 13: We invite you to affiliate with the Coast Guard Retiree Council Northwest! We keep you in touch with fellow retirees, benefit news and what's happening in the active Coast Guard. No heavy lifting required. Check out our website at <http://www.cgretirenw.org>. If you'd like to receive our E-mail newsletter, please send your contact information (include email) to feedback@cgretirenw.org.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD COURIER/VOICE OF AMERICA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION REUNION

will be held during the week of 2 October through 16 October 2015 on the Island of Rhodes, Greece. This fifth reunion will include an opening of an Exhibit on 3 October 2015 at the French Inn in the Old City. Your Point of Contact is: Robert (Bob) R. Hickman, President. Correspondence may be addressed to: USCGC Courier/VOA Memorial Foundation, 108 Gordon Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Phone: (315) 458-5995 (Home) or (Cell) (315) 378-7443.

Email: robert.hickman1@verizon.net

CGAS CHICAGO, REUNION 2015—The third biennial reunion for Coast Guard Air Station Chicago (Glenview, IL 1969-1995) will be held in Branson, MO at the Camden Hotel and Convention Center from September 30 through October 3. Former shipmates are invited to contact: Bruce Huntsman, Phone (417) 739-9625 (home) or at his mobile: (417) 230-7572. You may also contact him via the following e-mail address: huntspat@centurytel.net.

USCGC ACTIVE (WMEC 618) REUNION - On Saturday, August 8th, 2015. A reunion is being held for those shipmates who served on board USCGC Active (WMEC 618) while stationed in New Castle, New Hampshire. The reunion will be held at the pavilion picnic area adjacent to Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor. Currently, a website has been established and it will be updated as details are confirmed. The website www.uscgcactive.org includes reunion information, old photos area information and lodging information. For further information, contact either Paul Citak at peloton95@comcast.net or via phone (603) 289-6499. You may also contact David Waldrip at dkwaldrip@comcast.net or via phone (617) 462-7885.

Information relating to non-federal entities is provided via this official Coast Guard newsletter as a matter of general interest to retired Coast Guard personnel. The organizations might engage in fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not officially endorse these non-federal entities or their activities, including their fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not urge anyone to donate to any non-federal entity.

THE USCGC EVERGREEN (WAGO – 295): A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

The following notes are drawn from a letter we received from LCDR (ret) Normand A. Brunelle, Executive Officer of the USCGC EVERGREEN (WAGO-295) from March 1965 until March 1967. Additionally, LCDR Brunelle enclosed a report written by LCDR Arthur Solvang (then) the Commanding Officer of the USCGC EVERGREEN dated 30 August 1966. For those unfamiliar with the designation, WAGO, the "W" stands for Coast Guard ship and the 'AGO' stands for Oceanographic Vessel.

From LCDR Norman A. Brunelle's letter of March 28, 2015:

- At that time, we were the most travelled Coast Guard Cutter. We made port calls at Stephenville & Cornerbrook, Newfoundland; Glasgow, Scotland; Bremerhaven, Germany; Rotterdam, Netherlands and Reykjavik, Iceland; San Juan, P.R.; Trinidad, BWI; Fortaleza, Brazil; Bridgetown, Barbados; St. Thomas, V.I. & Sydney, Nova Scotia. You could say we became a cruise ship and crossed the Arctic Circle, Equator and Greenwich Meridian in one year.

From Enclosure One to CO, USCGC EVERGREEN ltr 5720 of 30 Aug 1966

- Fiscal Year 1966 was just another year for the Coast Guard in a series that now totals 176 years. But number 176 was a new year as well, for it was the first year in which the Coast Guard's only Oceanographic Research vessel, the EVERGREEN, operated as a full time Oceanographer.
- As a result the EVERGREEN made 5 oceanographic cruises during the year, being away from homeport 196 days and cruised 34,426 miles.
- CRUISE ONE. This 31 day cruise, 19 July to 18 August 1965, was termed the Labrador Current Expedition and designed to accumulate data which might assist in determining the origin of the Labrador Current.
- CRUISE TWO. Data accumulated on this cruise was for the study of the interchange of water masses between the North Atlantic Ocean and the Norwegian Sea.
- CRUISE THREE. Thirty-three plankton samples were obtained for the Florida Board of Conservation and a tuna population study made for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.
- CRUISE FOUR. 4,041 miles were cruised in 28 days. Good results were obtained on the new radio-teletype installation which is also the first of its kind for this class of vessel.
- CRUISE FIVE. From 17 May to 12 June 1966, a special Labrador Current study was made from the Grand Banks of Newfoundland to the Greenland Coast for 5,021 miles. EVERGREEN visited Sydney, Nova Scotia on the return trip to Boston.



USCGC *Evergreen* on 28 February 1973
(Photo courtesy of USCG Historian's Office)



USCGC *Evergreen* International Ice Patrol shoulder patch
(Photo courtesy of USCG Historian's Office)

RETIREE PAYDAYS FOR CY 2015

January 30	June 1	October 1
February 27	July 1	October 30
April 1	July 31	December 1
May 1	September 1	December 31

VIETNAM VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE RECOGNITIONS WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT USCGC TANNEY AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION 28 AUG - 3 SEP 2015, BALTIMORE, MD

During May 1969 - January 1970, the USCGC TANNEY provided gunfire support and prevented enemy infiltration along the coastal routes used by Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces. For her service, the government of the Republic of South Vietnam awarded Tanney the Vietnamese Presidential Unit Citation. She was formally decommissioned on 7 December 1986 and turned over to the city of Baltimore, Maryland for use as a museum ship. Over her distinguished career, Tanney received three battle stars for World War II service and numerous theatre ribbons for service in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

For more information on the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Recognitions program, you may contact Mr. Robert MacLeod at 980-253-0566.

Additional information on the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration is available at: [http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/education/uscoastguard in vietnam/](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/education/uscoastguard%20in%20vietnam/)

The Future of the Surgeon General and USPHS Commissioned

Rear Admiral Bob Williams (ret) is President of the Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health, a sister organization of the Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS. His Foundation will develop a report on the future of the Surgeon General and the Commissioned Corps. It will be in line with the way outside groups evaluate other uniformed services and offer suggestions for how the future force should be structured, trained, and equipped to meet future needs.

The Surgeon General and USPHS Commissioned Corps have existed for over 126 years. Given the ongoing importance of public health, a thorough examination of the future role and structure of the Office of the Surgeon General and USPHS Commissioned Corps would help to: 1) shed light on their missions; 2) set goals; 3) solicit the resources required to improve the state of the nation's health. RADM Williams welcomes your input.

To participate in this project, you may email Donna Sparrow at dsparrow@coausphs.org. Please ensure the subject line reads "**Future of Commissioned Corps**" to properly direct your email.

DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR MISSION SUPPORT

The DCMS Watch is a 24X7 manned watch that is the primary point of contact for emergent mission support issues. Typical DCMS Watch activities include monitoring urgent personnel issues, tracking significant logistical events for deployed assets, advising Service and Logistics Centers of significant events and natural disasters and tracking Coast Guard Cutter casualties (757-398-6765 or email: d05-smb-dcms-watch@uscg.mil).

THE BLACK COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ADVISORY GROUP CELEBRATES ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Black Commissioned Officers Advisory Group (BCOAG) will celebrate its 25th Silver Anniversary year from October 9-11.

An entire weekend of events, beginning with a social and culminating with a worship service on Sunday afternoon, has been planned. The main celebratory event will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 7-11 p.m. at the Officers Club on Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, DC. All AD and retirees including family and guests are invited to celebrate this milestone event. Retirees may contact CAPT Leslie Cooper (Ret) at: aldenpk@aol.com for invitation and event information.

Also, the BCOAG website address is: <http://dcp.psc.gov/osg/bcoag/>



USCGC BURTON ISLAND (WAGB-283)

The U.S.S. *Burton Island* was launched on 30 April 1946 and commissioned 28 December 1946 as AG-88 for the United States Navy. On 17 January 1947 *Burton Island*, loaded with supplies, steamed from San Diego to Ross Sea, Antarctica where it met with units of TF 68 on the first Antarctic Development project. After returning from Antarctica, *Burton Island* departed 25 July 1947 for the Point Barrow expedition to Alaska. From April of 1948 to December of 1956, *Burton Island* participated in 19 Arctic and Alaskan cruises. Duties on the cruises varied and included supply activities, helicopter reconnaissance of ice flows, scientific surveys, underwater demolition surveys, and convoy exercises. In March 1949, *Burton Island* was designated AGB-1.

On 15 December 1966, the Navy transferred the vessel, along with all of its icebreakers, to the U.S. Coast Guard and it was renumbered WAGB-283. After its transfer, *Burton Island* was stationed at Long Beach, California and used for icebreaking operations. Starting in 1967 through 1978, *Burton Island* went on eight different Deep Freeze operations to the Antarctic. In the operations, *Burton Island* was responsible for creating and maintaining aids to navigation, clearing channels through the ice for supply vessels and various other activities. In addition to Deep Freeze operations, *Burton Island* served as a floating platform for scientific surveys and research around Alaska and other isolated polar areas. *Burton Island* also conducted numerous SAR missions. For more information on the *Burton Island*, you may visit the USCG Historians Office (from which this article was extracted) at:

http://www.uscg.mil/history/webcutters/Burton_Island_1966.asp



Picture is courtesy of the USCG Historians office

Information sought: the *Burton Island* Association is in search of program and pictorial documentation of the 1966 inter-service change of command ceremony. Shipmate Stan Barnes is requesting related information. You may contact him at email: SBarnes49@yahoo.com.

The *Burton Island* Association will host a reunion at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee from August 17 to the 22nd. Contact Robert Sanchez at phone (505) 550-8405 or his email at: Rjssr52@comcast.net.

TRICARE Beneficiaries Being Targeted by Call Centers and Others For Unsolicited Medical Prescriptions

The Defense Health Agency, Office of Program Integrity (DHA-PI) has received a significant number of concerns from our TRICARE beneficiaries regarding unsolicited attempts by "Call Centers" to encourage them to provide personal identifying information and health information so they can allegedly provide prescribed cream medications to the TRICARE beneficiary.

TRICARE and its contractors never call and ask for personal identifying information or health information. Beneficiaries should be wary of unsolicited attempts by any entity asking them for personal or health information, either by phone or in person.

The "Call Center" will normally cold call and say, "I am a representative calling from XYZ: we are calling to tell you about a benefit TRICARE will cover for you for a prescription pain cream you are eligible for. Do you have any of the following medical issues (list of issues) or pain? If so, TRICARE wants to get you taken care of, all we need are your Doctor's name and your TRICARE information and we will contact your doctor and get these medications or supplies out to you immediately and submit a claim."

DHA PI strongly advises you to give **NO** information to these types of unsolicited requests for your personal health information and personal identifying information. Often these "Call Centers" have identified what limited information they have through "Google" searches or through individuals who have approached you independently and obtained information directly from you.

Should you receive a phone call for this information, provide—NO information. Also, please immediately submit a Fraudline report to our Pharmacy Benefits contractor ESI. You can report the issue to Express Scripts Inc. (Express Scripts Fraud Tip Hotline: (866)759-6139 or Email: TRICAREfraudtip@express-scripts.com). ESI can also flag your profile and reject attempts to bill for these medications. If you do receive unsolicited medication in the mail, you can refuse delivery.

Additionally, TRICARE has revised and published the following on our webpage at www.health.mil.

TRICARE Revises Compound Drug Coverage

Starting May 1, 2015, Express Scripts, the TRICARE pharmacy contractor, will screen all ingredients in compound drug claims to ensure they are safe, effective and covered by TRICARE. This screening process is like the one TRICARE already uses for other prescription drugs but it will now apply to the ingredients in compound drugs. For more specific details please click on the link below:

<http://www.health.mil/News/Articles/2015/03/12/TRICARE-Revises-Compound-Drug-Coverage>

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Shopping at the Coast Guard Exchange (CGX), whether in one of our retail stores or through www.shopcgx.com, your online store, allows you to continue to enjoy your MWR dividend and high quality merchandise at a savings.

Use the link provided above to visit the store. The website is user-friendly and will become your go-to source for Coast Guard items as well as a myriad number of other products.

There is no need to lose your link with our Exchange system once you enter retirement. The Exchange stands ready and willing to assist you with your purchases and thanks you for your continued support.



USCG Retirements

Name	Grade	Date of Retirement	Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
ALEXANDER, MICHEAL	BM1	20150501	GLATT, TRACY	MKC	20150301
ALLSWORTH, BRIAN	AST1	20150501	GORDON, SIDNEY	ETCS	20150301
ALTIERE, JAMES	MEC	20150308	GOUGH, PAULETTE	PERS3	20150501
AMBROSE, GARY	AMTC	20150501	GRANT, DONALD	CAPT	20150430
ARNETT, KYLE	ME2	20150305	GREEK, RONALD	LT	20150511
BACUS, PEGGY	FS2	20150303	GUILLLEN, JOSEPH	AMTC	20150501
BAGWELL, WILLIAM-ALEXANDER	YN2	20150425	GULLETTE, REGINALD	MK2	20150508
BEALE, JENNIFER	SKC	20150401	HAMBERRY, DONNELL	MK1	20150501
BENNINGHOVEN, JAMES	ENG2	20150501	HANNAH, EDWIN	ASTC	20150501
BENSON, JEREMY	SN	20150403	HARRIS, FRANKLIN	OSS4	20150424
BERRY, CHRISTIAN	FS1	20150410	HEARST, SABRINA	OSC	20150401
BLACK, DIANA	OS2	20150310	HEBERT, CHRISTOPHER	HSC	20150501
BLAIR, JOY	LCDR	20150401	HENDERSON, FRANK	LT	20150501
BLEVINS, DAVID	YNCS	20150501	HILL, MICHAEL	AV14	20150301
BLOWERS, DAVID	AMTC	20150401	HILL, JAMES	ITC	20150501
BOETKER, CHRISTOPHER	HS1	20150501	JAHN, EHREN	BMC	20150501
BOGERT, JAMES	ASTC	20150501	JENKINS, MICHAEL	PERS4	20150301
BORKOWSKI, BRIAN	LT	20150501	JENNINGS, TYLER	AVI3	20150501
BRENDELSON, ASKIA	SK2	20150505	JOHNSON, DEMORRIS	FS1	20150505
BROWN, ALAN	CAPT	20150307	KAHIAPO, JOHN	MK2	20150411
BRUCE, GARY	CAPT	20150501	KAYE, STACIE	ISC	20150501
BUANCORE, ANTHONY	CDR	20150505	KEOGH, MAEVE	LCDR	20150502
BUCKLEY, JOHN	ENG3	20150501	KISELA, PAUL	OSCM	20150501
BUMGARDNER, MICHAEL	ITCM	20150301	KISTLER, ETHAN	OSC	20150501
BURGESS, KEVIN	MK1	20150501	KRAFT, KATERI	BM3	20150426
BURK, JOEL	SN	20150316	LABEAU, REBEKA	FS3	20150325
CAIKOWSKI, ALISON	BM3	20150428	LANGRALL, MICHAEL	AMTC	20150501
CAPPS, ROBERT	MKCS	20150501	LATORRE, JACK	MST1	20150321
CARR, SHEILA	YN1	20150424	LEAVELLE, WILLARD	MKCS	20150401
CARROLL, ROBERT	LCDR	20150501	LEWIS, DANIEL	BM1	20150327
CARROLL, KEVIN	MSTC	20150414	LITTLE, AMANDA	OS3	20150504
CARTER, NICOLE	LCDR	20150301	LIVINGSTON, JERRY	ETCS	20150501
CHRISTENSEN, RYAN	BMC	20150501	LOITSCH, STEVEN	ETC	20150501
CHRISTOPHER, SAMUEL	ELC3	20150501	LYNN, RACHAEL	MST1	20150401
CLARK, KEITH	ME2	20150505	LYON, JAMES	ASTC	20150501
CLAYTON, ROBERT	BM2	20150508	MACLEOD, JUAN	MK2	20150501
COLLINS, CRAIG	PS1	20150423	MARSH, JEFFREY	MK1	20150425
DAVENPORT, WILLIAM	CDR	20150405	MARTIN, TIMOTHY	LT	20150501
DAVIS, JEFFREY	BM1	20150301	MATHERS, JASON	ASTC	20150501
DAVIS, CHRISTOPHER	FS1	20150501	MATHEWS, LINDSEY	AMT3	20150506
DELEON, JASON	AMT1	20150501	MCCHESENEY, JAMES	BMC	20150501
DIAZROSARIO, EDWIN	CDR	20150430	MCCOOK, THOMAS	MECM	20150303
DIGIORGIO, JON	LCDR	20150501	MCFARLAND, ROBERT	MSSE4	20150501
DOMINGUEZ, ANDREW	GM1	20150401	MCLAURY, JUSTIN	MK2	20150305
DUNN, STEPHEN	LT	20150501	MCNERNEY, SHAWN	BM1	20150501
ELKINS, RODNEY	LT	20150301	MEARS, AMANDA	SN	20150506
EPP, ADAM	LT	20150401	MENDOZA, RAYMOND	BM1	20150301
FACADA, REBECCA	FS2	20150408	MERKLIN, KERRI	LCDR	20150501
FAITH, DAVID	MKC	20150401	METHVIEN, YANCY	ET2	20150504
FAULKENBERRY, THOMAS	LT	20150424	MICKLES, DEREK	ET1	20150301
FERNANDEZ, JUAN	F&S3	20150501	MILLER, KEVIN	LT	20150423
FIELDS, TIMOTHY	ENG3	20150501	MITCHELL, MARCUS	LCDR	20150301
FILLION, RAYMOND	ETCS	20150501	MONTGOMERY, PATRICK	LT	20150301
FISCHER, MAX	MK3	20150416	MOORE, WILLIAM	MKCS	20150501
FLETCHER, JOHN	MKC	20150501	MUSSON, SKYE	SN	20150422
FONTENOT, JOSHUA	EM2	20150504	NARANJO, JOE	YNC	20150506
GAGNON, CHRISTOPHER	LCDR	20150401	NAUS, GARY	LCDR	20150301
GARCIA, PAMELA	LCDR	20150401	NEHER, BRADLEY	ITC	20150316
GARDNER, JEFFREY	YNCS	20150501	NELSON, ALAN	MKCS	20150513
GARRISON, JAMES	OS1	20150422			
GAY, RICHARD	CDR	20150501			
GEE, KATHERINE	OSCS	20150501			

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PALACIOS,CAROL	HS1	20150406
PARMLEY,MICHAEL	ITC	20150501
PATE,RANDY	PS1	20150514
PATRICK,KEVIN	ELC4	20150501
PAYNE,ROBBY	EMC	20150501
PEREZ,ELIEZER	AMT1	20150501
PERKINS,BENJAMIN	LCDR	20150501
PETTIS,DERRICK	HSC	20150501
PITTS,LAWRENCE	ELC4	20150401
POLLACK,MICHAEL	BMCM	20150501
PURDY,JESSICA	YN2	20150504
RATHBUN,MICHAEL	DC1	20150501
REYES,NATHAN	ET2	20150416
RIOS,RICHARD	ET3	20150302
RIVERA,DANNY	OSS2	20150501
ROBERTS,KEVIN	FSCS	20150301
ROGERS,SCOTT	CDR	20150401
ROMERO,CLOVIS	MSSE3	20150501
RUIZ,PAOLA	YN2	20150316
RUSSELL,CHE	AMT1	20150401
RUSSELL,MICHAEL	BOSN4	20150401
SAPP,MICHAEL	FN	20150316
SATTERFIELD,CLIFTON	MEC	20150501
SEELY,NANCY	YNCM	20150501
SERIS,CARYL	SK1	20150401
SHERMAN,JEFFREY	BMCM	20150401
SHIRKEY,KRISTEN	AMT2	20150302
SIMPSON,DOUGLAS	CDR	20150427
SMALLEY,CHRISTOPHER	MKC	20150501
SMITH,CHRISTOPHER	DC2	20150401
SMITH,NEVADA	CDR	20150501
SMITH,WESLEY	MK1	20150318
SMITH,JAMES	AVI2	20150321
SMITH,MORTON	AETC	20150501
SMITH,MARTIN	CDR	20150401
STANDLEY,DANIEL	MK1	20150501
STEVENSON,CHRISTOPHER	MK2	20150401
STJAMES,DANA	CDR	20150318
STORRS,MICHAEL	MK2	20150501
STPIERRE,GLENN	LCDR	20150501
STRICKLAND,WILLIAM	LCDR	20150501
SUDSBERRY,THOMAS	OSC	20150501
SULFRIDGE,CASSANDRA	MST1	20150423
SULOUFF,DAVID	CDR	20150424
TELFER,DENNIS	ME1	20150410
THOMAS,TAHARKA	OS1	20150501
THORNHILL,RICKY	PERS3	20150501
THORPE,WAYNE	LT	20150308
TIESZEN,RALPH	CDR	20150506
TRAVIS,BRENT	BM2	20150512
VELEZ,BRYAN	DCC	20150501
VELLA,JOE	MK1	20150330
VILLEROEL,BRIAN	MEC	20150401
WEBB,ANTHONY	LT	20150501
WHALEY,DAVID	YN1	20150501
WHITCOMB,DAVID	LCDR	20150408
WHITE,WILLIAM	SK1	20150314
WILBURN,DANIEL	AMT2	20150428
WILLIAMS,DWAYNE	F&S2	20150501
WILLIAMS,KEVIN	MK1	20150408
WILSON,RANDALL	SKC	20150428
WILSON,ANGELA	FSCS	20150501
WILSON,SAMUEL	MEC	20150501
WOLFF,JORDAN	BM1	20150501
WRUBLE,DAVID	MK1	20150504
YOUNG,JASON	DC1	20150301
ZACCARIA,ROBERT	LT	20150511
ZAKRYSEK,RICKY	OS2	20150302
ZAVALZA,FRANCISCO	BMC	20150501



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BERNATO,DOLORES	CDR	20150501
BIDDLE,ROBERT	CAPT	20150301
BRITTON,JAMES	CAPT	20150301
CARTER,MICHAEL	CDR	20150501
CHEN,D.	CAPT	20150401
CORNELIUS,DAVID	LCDR	20150301
DOTSON,KATHLEEN	CAPT	20150301
DUGANNE,MARTHA	CDR	20150301
EARNEST,GARY	CAPT	20150301
FORD,EARL	CAPT	20150501
FREESE,MARK	CAPT	20150501
GRIFF,CAROL	CAPT	20150501
HAMMOND,DENNIS	CDR	20150401
HASSINAN,DEBRA	CDR	20150301
HAWK,PATRICIA	CDR	20150501
HEMINGWAY,LINDA	CAPT	20150401
HILL,KENNETH	CDR	20150501
HONAHNIE,DE	CAPT	20150501
HOUSE,SARAH	CDR	20150501
HUNTER,INDIA	CDR	20150401
JARRES,PHILIP	CAPT	20150301
KELLER,ANTHONY	CAPT	20150301
LAROCK-TULLY,MICHELLE	CDR	20150501
LIGHTWINE,LESLIE	CDR	20150301
MAHAYNI,HOUDA	CAPT	20150501
MALARCHER,ANN	CAPT	20150501
MARTINEZ,MARIA	LCDR	20150401
MINNICK,PHILIP	CAPT	20150501
MOODY,CECILIA	CDR	20150401
MORAN,JOHN	CAPT	20150401
OTERO,ISRAEL	LCDR	20150501
PERRIN,JAMES	CDR	20150301
PETROFSKY,MONIQUE	CAPT	20150301
POND,ANDREA	LCDR	20150501
REICHERT,EDITH	LCDR	20150401
RYAN,MARK	LCDR	20150501
SANDERS,TERESA	CDR	20150501
SCHWAKE,JON	LCDR	20150501
SILLIVAN,DESTROY	CDR	20150301
SKARULIS,MONICA	CAPT	20150301
STONEROAD,PATRICIA	CDR	20150501
TAYLOR,ROBBIE	CDR	20150301
THOMPSON,SHIRLEY	CDR	20150501
THORNE,ALAN	CAPT	20150501
TIBBS,DAVID	CDR	20150301
VIDALES,ARIEL	LCDR	20150501
WEBER,RODNEY	CDR	20150501
WOODARD,DAVID	CDR	20150501

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"Over the past four years we've learned about what it takes to be an officer. Experienced what it means to serve in a branch of the Armed Forces and not just any branch, the Coast Guard," said Sherman.

"Today is our chance to seize a hold of our futures," he continued. "To own our careers. We will shape a journey for ourselves, in the Coast Guard and beyond."

Across the country and throughout the world. We know this will be a challenge. We know there will be long days of double watches and collateral duties.

Of seemingly endless boardings and preflight checks. We know there will be hard decisions and sacrifices, but I can tell you, we are ready."

(Source: coastguard.dodlive.mil/)



The Coast Guard Academy Class of 2015 graduates May 20, 2015. Two hundred and seventeen cadets received commissions as the newest officers in the U.S. Coast Guard. U.S.C.G. photo by PO2 Cory J. Mendenhall

Latest NOAA Study Ties Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill to Spike in Gulf Dolphin Deaths

What has been causing the [alarming increase in dead bottlenose dolphins along the northern Gulf of Mexico](#) since the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill in the summer of 2010? Independent and government scientists [have found even more evidence](#) connecting these deaths to the same signs of illness found in animals exposed to petroleum products, as reported [in the peer-reviewed online journal PLOS ONE](#). This latest study uncovered that an unusually high number of dead Gulf dolphins had what are normally rare lesions on their lungs and hormone-producing adrenal glands.

The timing, location and nature of the lesions support that oil compounds from the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill caused these lesions and contributed to the high numbers of dolphin deaths within this oil spill's footprint. "This is the latest in a series of peer-reviewed scientific studies conducted over the five years since the spill, looking at possible reasons for the historically high number of dolphin deaths that have occurred within the footprint of the *Deepwater Horizon* spill," said Dr. Teri Rowles, one of 22 contributing authors on the paper and head of [NOAA's Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program](#), which is charged with determining the causes of [unusual mortality events](#).

"These studies have increasingly pointed to the presence of petroleum hydrocarbons as being the most significant cause of the illnesses and deaths plaguing the Gulf's dolphin population," said Dr. Rowles.



A study published in the journal PLOS ONE found that an unusually high number of dead Gulf dolphins had what are normally rare lesions on their lungs and hormone-producing adrenal glands, which are associated with exposure to oil compounds (NOAA).

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USCG TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
ACQUARO	MICHAEL	DC1	20150325	DELAND	FL
ADAMS	ERNEST	DCCS	20150228	SAN ANTONIO	TX
ALLEN	NELSON	CAPT	20150319	FLEMING ISLAND	FL
ALLEN	JAMES	BMC	20150323	STURGEON BAY	WI
ANDERSON	CHARLES	HS3	20150318	FOUNTAIN HLS	AZ
ANDREW	AVERY	TCC	20150320	MCCOMB	MS
ASHFORD	ALBERT	DC1	20150322	DOVER FOXCROFT	ME
AUERBACH	HERBERT	HSC	20150503	COLUMBIA	MD
BADGLEY	RICHARD	GM2	20150408	ANCHOR POINT	AK
BAEDER	DAVID	EMC	20150414	LA CRESCENT	MN
BAKER	JAMES	CS1	20150506	FLORISSANT	MO
BAKER	FRED	CWO4	20150420	BROWNSVILLE	TX
BARBEE	JOSEPH	HSC	20150427	BALTIMORE	MD
BASIC	EDWARD	BMC	20150403	SEAFORD	DE
BATES	JAMES	PS1	20150326	N AUGUSTA	SC
BAYNES	GARLAND	ENC	20150503	ST MERAUX	LA
BECKER	MALCOLM	ENC	20150427	PORT ORANGE	FL
BERNSTEIN	BARRY	CWO4	20150411	EASTON	MD
BILLINGS	JOHN	GM1	20150414	IPSWICH	MA
BLAINE	JAMES	EMC	20150509	HONEY GROVE	TX
BLAND	CARLOS	SKCM	20150301	SAVANNAH	GA
BOATNER	ALAN	MSTCS	20150326	HUNTSVILLE	AL
BORDNER	GERALD	YNC	20150306	SEATTLE	WA
BORGEL	JOHN	DT1	20150329	MOBILE	AL
BRACKETT	JAMES	OSC	20150425	BARNHART	MO
BRIDGES	JAMES	MKCM	20150330	CHARLESTON	SC
BROWNING	KENNETH	HSCM	20150501	ANCHORAGE	AK
BRYANT	JOSEPH	ADC	20150412	ZOLFO SPRINGS	FL
BUERO	WALLACE	RMC	20150414	BROWNSVILLE	TX
BUFORD	JAMES	CAPT	20150426	ST LOUIS	MO
BUNTING	BARRY	DCC	20150408	ST LOUIS	MO
BURGESS	ERNEST	SKC	20150318	MOBILE	AL
CAMPBELL	BILLIE	CDR	20150401	GREER	SC
CARLSON	CLINTON	LCDR	20150329	ST HELENS	OR
CARLSON	LEROY	QM1	20150506	N MIDDLESEX	VT
CARTER	ROBERT	AD1	20150425	NORTH BEND	OR
CASEY	THOMAS	MK1	20150502	WEISER	ID
CHAMNESS	RICKY	HSC	20150405	PAYSON	AZ
CHAPLIN	DORR	RDC	20150421	VICTORVILLE	CA
CLARINO	SALVATORE	WEPS4	20150324	RUTLAND	VT
CLARK	DAVID	CWO4	20150427	ROHNERT PARK	CA
CLARK	WILLIAM	CAPT	20150513	WILLIAMSBURG	VA
COLBATH	FORREST	FN	20150325	RICHARDSON	TX
COLLINS	EDWARD	ETC	20150405	DANDRIDGE	TN
CROSSON	PERRY	CWO4	20150326	ST PETERSBURG	FL
CUTLER	DAVID	PS1	20150425	CORYDON	IN
DAUGHERTY	DARRELL	BMC	20150320	RINGGOLD	GA
DAVIES	WARD	CDR	20150428	SAN DIEGO	CA
DEAN	LAMAR	MKC	20150328	LAVONIA	GA

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
<i>(TAPS continued from page 14)</i>					
DUPREE	GEORGE	CDR	20150502	JULIETTE	GA
DURRANCE	LARRY	MKC	20150330	GREENVILLE	SC
ELMORE	WALTER	ETCS	20150331	FORBES	MN
ENO	EDWARD	GMC	20150325	ORMOND BCH	FL
FAHEY	JAMES	BMC	20150331	SOUTH BRAINTREE	MA
FALCON	ERNESTO	MKCS	20150329	MISSION	TX
FLOOD	RICHARD	CWO4	20150503	BOWIE	MD
FLOOD	LEONARD	CWO3	20150503	FREMONT	NH
FOURNIER	LEW	PS1	20150305	SOMERSWORTH	NH
FROST	GERALD	LCDR	20150302	BOWLING GREEN	KY
GALLANT	JUSTIN	EMCM	20150304	REDDING	CA
GAVIN	HAROLD	CWO2	20150309	VALLEY CENTER	CA
GEIGER	STANLEY	MKCM	20150321	FRIENDSWOOD	TX
GENNERELLA	JOHN	SN	20150427	SEASIDE	OR
GILDERSLEEVE	ROBERT	ETCM	20150428	MOREHEAD CITY	NC
HAMMOND	IRVING	CSC	20150314	FAYETTEVILLE	NC
HAWKINS	MARY	SK1	20150423	SALISBURY	MD
HAYES	LEWIS	CDR	20150428	PUNTARENAS	CS
HERRON	RONALD	BM2	20150327	WINSOR	CA
HEWEL	WILLIAM	CAPT	20150324	WILMINGTON	NC
HIGH	ANTHONY	MKC	20150315	WILMINGTON	NC
HUBBLE	DANIEL	MKCM	20150417	SOUTH HILL	VA
JACOBS	DON	CWO3	20150416	OCHLOCKNEE	GA
JEWESS	ERIC	CDR	20150306	WASHINGTON	DC
JOHNSON	EUGENE	HSCM	20150504	JACKSONVILLE	FL
KNIGHT	WILLIAM	LCDR	20150317	SAVANNAH	GA
KOOB	RAYMOND	BM2	20150416	AUSTIN	TX
KRIEGER	ARTHUR	ETCS	20150324	BLACKWOOD	NJ
LEE	ROBERT	PSCM	20150322	DERWOOD	MD
LEFTWICH	JAMES	BMC	20150509	PLYMOUTH	WI
LENT	CHARLES	MK1	20150321	EAST JORDAN	MI
LOMBARD	JAMES	LCDR	20150310	COLUMBIA	MD
LOVE	ROGER	CAPT	20150306	SPANISH FORT	AL
LOWMAN	REX	MKCS	20150228	SPOKANE	WA
LYNCH	JOHN	HSC	20150322	HOLLYWOOD	SC
MAGLIONE	ANTHONY	LCDR	20150326	E SETAUKET	NY
MANN	PRESTON	EMC	20150329	DELAND	FL
MARTIN	MATTHEW	PERS4	20150409	DECATUR	GA
MATUSKA	RONALD	STCS	20150410	MORENO VALLEY	CA
MCKINNIES	CHARLES	SN	20150402	SAN ANTONIO	TX
MENN	HERBERT	LCDR	20150327	COTULLA	TX
MESHKE	HAROLD	CWO2	20150314	NEW LONDON	WI
MILLER	DALLAS	SKC	20150507	CRAWFORDVILLE	FL
MOBLEY	THOMAS	MKC	20150305	HOPE MILLS	NC
MONTGOMERY	PAUL	BM1	20150423	ALLIANCE	OH
MORGAN	WILLIAM	RMC	20150406	WINTERVILLE	NC
MORRILL	PETER	CAPT	20150430	MUNITH	MI
MURPHY	HERMAN	CWO4	20150326	CORPUS CHRSTI	TX
NAZARIO	WALTER	YN2	20150427	LARES	PR
NELSON	DAVE	CSC	20150228	WAVELAND	MS
NODELL	WILLIAM	CDR	20150423	REDMOND	WA
NORTHCUTT	LARRY	YNC	20150513	POINT	TX

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
<i>(TAPS continued from page 15)</i>					
NUGGETT	WILLIAM	AET1	20150301	ELIZABETH CITY	ND
NUNES	ANTONE	GMC	20150314	MELBOURNE	FL
OLSEN	ERIC	BMCS	20150315	CHARLOTTE	MI
OMALLEY	JOHN	CAPT	20150429	PORTSMOUTH	VA
PALACIOS	CAROL	HS1	20150405	ST LOUIS	MO
PARADISE	RICHARD	EMC	20150409	WINCHENDON	MA
PARKHURST	ROBERT	CAPT	20150306	COCOA	FL
PARKS	RAYMOND	CAPT	20150412	RENO	NV
PATERNO	ALFREDO	FS1	20150320	JACKSONVILLE	FL
PAULE	VINCENT	SK3	20150325	SEATTLE	WA
PENNEY	RONALD	YN2	20150319	ZEPHYRHILLS	FL
PETERSON	RANDALL	CAPT	20150507	SILVERDALE	WA
PETRINA	JOSEPH	BMC	20150322	PITTSBURGH	PA
PIKUS	DONALD	YN2	20150320	HIXSON	TN
POTEAT	MICHAEL	EM2	20150305	CLINTON	WA
POWELL	JACK	CAPT	20150329	EUGENE	OR
PURSELL	THURL	ADC	20150321	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
QUATKEMEYER	JOHN	BM1	20150305	MORGAN CITY	LA
REDMOND	ROBERT	CWO4	20150403	BRICK	NJ
REEVES	WILFRED	ENCM	20150426	PACE	FL
REITZ	DONALD	GMCS	20150320	BURGAW	NC
REMY	NICHOLAS	CDR	20150430	ALLENTOWN	PA
REPKA	JOSEPH	EN2	20150304	SWANTON	OH
REYNOLDS	BRIAN	LCDR	20150330	ROSEMOUNT	MN
RICE	STANLEY	CAPT	20150423	TAMPA	FL
RICHARDSON	JAMES	LT	20150414	VASHON	WA
ROLAND	BOBBY	RMCM	20150313	YUMA	AZ
SANTELLI	THOMAS	ANAM	20150326	GOLDEN VALLEY	MN
SARGENT	RICHARD	RMC	20150509	COWETA	OK
SCARBOROUGH	CURTIS	CS2	20150419	AVON	NC
SCOVEL	HARRY	SN	20150308	BULLHEAD CITY	AZ
SHOPE	RICHARD	ENCM	20150309	FAIRHAVEN	MA
SIMMS	LYMAN	YNC	20150313	PUYALLUP	WA
SINCLAIR	LEE	EM1	20150303	FORT MEYERS	FL
SMITH	ROBERT	ETC	20150309	PETALUMA	CA
SMITH	THURMAN	BMCM	20150413	CRYSTAL	FL
SMITH	JAMES	AVI2	20150320	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
SPIKER	RONALD	RMCM	20150410	CHALLIS	ID
SQUIER	FRED	BMCS	20150407	EVERETT	WA
STACK	FRANCIS	CDR	20150228	VOORHEES	NJ
STANFIELD	MARVIN	FS1	20150325	MYSTIC	CT
STEEN	WILLIE	BM1	20150506	NORWALK	CA
STEINHAUS	RICHARD	CWO3	20150306	DEPTFORD	NJ
STEVELY	DAVID	CS1	20150320	GARDEN GROVE	CA
SUFFIA	LEO	BMC	20150405	FALLON	NV
SUMERA	VICTORIANO	SN	20150324	BURLINGTON	MA
TAMMINEN	TAUNO	CDR	20150405	GARDNER	MA
TAYLOR	HARRY	AD1	20150419	EAST STROUDSBURG	PA
TELFER	DENNIS	ME1	20150409	KIRKLAND	WA
TORRENCE	TIMOTHY	BMCM	20150406	LAROSE	LA
TURNER	DICK	DCC	20150330	VIDOR	TX
VACHULA	ROBERT	CWO3	20150420	CAPE MAY	NJ
VANGAASBECK	WILLIAM	AGC	20150305	NORTH PORT	FL

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
<i>(TAPS continued from page 16)</i>					
VARTANIAN	VAHAN	YN1	20150304	PAWTUCKET	RI
VERRETT	EUGENE	CDR	20150307	GULFPORT	MS
WAITKOSS	DAVID	YNCS	20150406	OVERLAND PARK	KS
WEBBER	ROBERT	TTCM	20150329	PRAIRIE VILLAGE	KS
WEBER	THOMAS	HSC	20150421	BRISTOL	PA
WEINER	DONALD	LCDR	20150327	REDDING	CA
WHEELER	FLOYD	AECM	20150309	TUTTLE	OK
WHITE	WILLIAM	LCDR	20150305	STUART	FL
WINN	RALPH	CAPT	20150327	IRVINE	CA
WOOD	THEODORE	QMC	20150411	ROSWELL	GA
WOODCOCK	ALLIE	LCDR	20150513	BEAUFORT	NC
WOODS	CHARLES	BMCM	20150320	MURRAY	KY
YARBOROUGH	EDWARD	CWO2	20150307	ROCK HILL	SC
ZRENDIA	STEPHEN	MUC	20150417	NIANTIC	CT

NOAA TAPS

BRADLEY	WALTER	CAPT	20150312	KENMORE	WA
RANDALL	JAMES	CAPT	20150501	SOLOMANS	MD

PHS TAPS

CHURCHILL	FREDERICK	CAPT	20150317	BROOKHAVEN	GA
CLARKE	FRANK	CAPT	20150418	BOISE	ID
DEFAZIO	VINCENT	CAPT	20150322	ALBUQUERQUE	NM
DUNCAN	AUBRIE	CDR	20150412	LANCASTER	KY
FOX	SAMUEL	CAPT	20150422	FAIRFIELD	CT
FRATANTONI	JOSEPH	CAPT	20150506	ROCKVILLE	MD
GATES	CARL	CAPT	20150410	FOREST PARK	GA
HUTCHINS	RICHARD	CAPT	20150503	GREAT FALLS	VA
LUNCEFORD	JANET	CAPT	20150228	BROOKVILLE	PA
ROE	MICHAEL	CAPT	20150327	ALBUQUERQUE	NM
SCOTT	HAROLD	CAPT	20150307	METAIRIE	LA
SMITH	ALLAN	CAPT	20150314	LAS VEGAS	NV
STEINBERG	DANIEL	CAPT	20150314	LA JOLLA	CA
WAITE	JOHN	CAPT	20150327	SILVER SPRING	MD
WOLLSCHLAGER	WILLIAM	CAPT	20150306	SANIBEL ISLAND	FL

LIGHTSHIP SAILORS MEMORIAL NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

A memorial to all lightship sailors who lost their lives in the line of duty was dedicated in 2002 in New Bedford after a four-year effort. The fog-bell from the Vineyard Lightship, lost during the hurricane of 1944, sits atop a granite monument. The names of all lightship sailors who gave their lives in the service of their country are inscribed in the monument's base. Photo at right is courtesy of: Coast Guard Heritage Museum which may be visited at the following website:

<http://www.coastguardheritagemuseum.org/>



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In this study, one in every three dead dolphins examined across Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama had lesions affecting their adrenal glands, resulting in a serious condition known as “adrenal insufficiency.” The adrenal gland produces hormones—such as cortisol and aldosterone—that regulate metabolism, blood pressure and other bodily functions. “Animals with adrenal insufficiency are less able to cope with additional stressors in their everyday lives,” said Dr. Stephanie Venn-Watson, the study’s lead author and veterinary epidemiologist at the National Marine Mammal Foundation, “and when those stressors occur, they are more likely to die.” Earlier studies of Gulf dolphins in areas heavily affected by the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill found initial signs of this illness in a [2011 health assessment of dolphins living in Barataria Bay, Louisiana](#). NOAA scientists Dr. Rowles and Dr. Lori Schwacke spoke about the [results of this health assessment in a 2013 interview](#): “One rather unusual condition that we noted in many of the Barataria Bay dolphins was that they had very low levels of some hormones (specifically, cortisol) that are produced by the adrenal gland and are important for a normal stress response. Under a stressful condition, such as being chased by a predator, the adrenal gland produces cortisol, which then triggers a number of physiological responses including an increased heart rate and increased blood sugar. This gives an animal the energy burst that it needs to respond appropriately. In the Barataria Bay dolphins, cortisol levels were unusually low. The concern is that their adrenal glands were incapable of producing appropriate levels of cortisol and this could ultimately lead to a number of complications and in some situations even death.”

In addition to the lesions on adrenal glands, the scientific team discovered that more than one in five dolphins that died within the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill footprint had a primary bacterial pneumonia. Many of these cases were unusual in severity and caused or contributed to death. Drs. Rowles and Schwacke previously had observed significant problems in the lungs of dolphins living in Barataria Bay. [Again, in 2013, they had noted](#), “In some of the animals, the lung disease was so severe that we considered it life-threatening for that individual.” In other mammals, exposure to petroleum-based polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, known as PAHs, through inhalation or aspiration of oil products can lead to injured lungs and altered immune function, both of which can increase an animal’s susceptibility to primary bacterial pneumonia. Dolphins are particularly susceptible to inhalation effects due to their large lungs, deep breaths and extended breath hold times.

(Source: <https://usresponserestoration>)

COAST GUARD TRANSPORTS HAWAIIAN MONK SEAL TO OAHU

Honolulu—Coast Guard crews working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration transported a Hawaiian monk seal from Kauai to Oahu, May 19th. An HC-130 Hercules airplane crew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point transported the seal to Oahu for medical attention after it swallowed a fish hook. “Coast Guard members in Hawaii take great pride in our unique operational ability to help recover and maintain our nation’s protected species,” said Eric Roberts, marine mammal response coordinator for the 14th Coast Guard District. “The transport of this critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal showcases the multiagency efforts that are being coordinated to ensure this species is around for future generations.”

The Hawaiian monk seal is one of the rarest marine mammals in the world with an estimated population of less than 1,100. Part of the true seal family, they are one of only two remaining monk seal species. Safeguarding marine mammals falls under the Coast Guard’s living marine resources mission, one of the service’s 11 statutory missions. The Nation’s waterways and their ecosystems are vital to the country’s health. This includes ensuring the country’s marine protected species are provided the protection necessary to help their populations recover healthy, sustainable levels.

The Coast Guard partners with NOAA on many living marine resources missions in Hawaii to protect endangered marine mammals including Hawaiian monk seals, sea turtles and humpback whales. The 14th Coast Guard District is home to four Marine National Monuments and two National Marine Sanctuaries, more than any other region in the United States.

(Source: [Coast Guard News Release of May 20, 2015](#))



An HC-130 from Air Station Barbers Point transports the seal to Oahu (USCG courtesy photo)

Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Lucille Barth	Wife of RADM Del Barth (deceased), USPHS, Ret	10 May 2015	Henderson, NV
Heather L. Bartnik	Wife of CDR Kirk Bartnik, USCG, Ret	29 Apr 2015	Zephyrhills, FL
Marcelle M. Beaston	Wife of LCDR Stephen Beaston, USCGR, Ret	10 Apr 2015	Delaware City, DE
Linda K. Biermaas	Wife of SS1 Michael Biermaas, USCG, Ret	23 Sep 2014	Harrisburg, PA
Beverly P. Bluett	Wife of CAPT Denis J. Bluett, USCG, Ret	31 Mar 2015	Sun City Center, FL
Noriko O. Buccowich	Wife of OCS Thomas Buccowich, USCG, Ret	05 Apr 2015	Camarillo, CA
Joanne M. Buechner	Wife of BMC Daniel Buechner, USCG, Ret	26 Mar 2015	Brandon, FL
Katharine G. Bush	Wife of CDR Frederick S. Bush, USCG, Ret	09 Mar 2015	Lancaster, PA
Beverly R. Butler	Wife of CAPT David Butler, USCG, Ret	03 Nov 2014	Virginia Beach, VA
Irene L. Cronk	Wife of CAPT Paul B. Cronk (deceased), USCG, Ret (Mother of CAPT Peter Cronk, USCG, Ret)	27 Apr 2015	Shelburne Falls, MA
Karen S. Davis	Wife of HSCM Daniel F. Davis Jr., USCG, Ret	13 Sep 2014	Palm Harbor, FL
Evelyn Frank	Wife of CWO2 Robert Frank, USCG, Ret	04 Mar 2015	Las Vegas, NV
Betty J. Hendon	Wife of BM1 Theodore Hendon, USCG, Ret	11 Mar 2015	Ocala, FL
Anne C. How	Wife of CAPT Archibald B. How, USCG, Ret	23 Mar 2015	Portsmouth, VA
Mary A. James	Wife of CWO Joseph James, USCG, Ret	21 Apr 2014	Round Hill, VA
Dolores M. Lessor	Wife of DCC Larry H. Lessor, USCG, Ret	30 Mar 2015	Port Orchard, WA
Teresita M. Manabat	Wife of FSC Cezar B., Manabat, USCG, Ret	24 May 2014	Ketchikan, AK
Donna M. Niederberger	Wife of MK1 Francis X. Niederberger, USCG, Ret	10 Jan 2015	Buzzards Bay, MA
Doris L. Putt	Wife of EMCS Ernest E. Putt, USCG, Ret	29 Oct 2014	Chesapeake, VA
Juanita Seier	Wife of CWO4 Leroy G. Seier, USCG, Ret	13 Nov 2014	Elizabeth City, NC
Mary A. Shimoda	Wife of CAPT Wilbert Shimoda, USPHS, Ret	28 Jun 2014	Fort Collins, CO
Jacqueline W. Swain	Wife of ASMC Dorman Swain, ASMC, USCG, Ret	14 Jan 2015	New Port Richey, FL
Sylvie D. Venne	Wife of LCDR Daniel V. Venne, USCGR, Ret	02 Apr 2015	Alexandria, VA
Theresa E. Wakefield	Wife of CWO4 Keith M. Wakefield, USCG, Ret	04 Apr 2015	Wyoming, MI

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to The Retiree Newsletter Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

FROZEN IN TIME

Reviewed by Matthew O'Connell

Greenland exhibits some of the most unforgiving temperatures on earth. Mitchell Zuckoff, author of "Frozen in Time," describes the island as "an immense bowl filled with ice." The wind "blows glacial dust that can scour glass or blind eyes left unprotected." On November 5, 1942, an American C-53 cargo plane with a crew of five crashed into this harsh territory. On November 9, a B-17 Flying Fortress with a crew of six and three additional volunteers, was sent to find the downed aircraft. They encountered a phenomenon known to cold climate flyers as "flying in milk." The B-17, unable to judge altitude, tipped its wing into a glacier and went down—its fuselage split in half. On November 28th, a Grumman Duck (biplane) was launched from the USCGC NORTHLAND on a rescue mission. Until this time no plane had been recorded landing on Greenland's ice cap and then taking off. But the Duck's pilot and crew not only found the crash site but lifted off with one of the bomber's crew and one of the volunteers. The next day the Duck returned and retrieved another bomber crewmember but was battered by the weather and forced down. The Coast Guard, after surveillance from another plane, concluded that none of those aboard survived. If this isn't enough of a tale, suffice it to say this is where the narrative really takes off. Did they perish? What of the other members from the original crew? What is the fate of the remainder of the B-17 crew? You'll have to acquire the book to obtain the answers. Along with this story, in alternating chapters, is the story of a joint Coast Guard/Civilian expedition that takes place in the summer of 2012 in Greenland designed to locate wreckage of the Duck. The reader will marvel more, though, at the men of our World War II generation who never quit and used their ingenuity to survive as long as possible in a place completely foreign to their life's experience. Moreover, their dedication to their country was absolute: the men of the B-17 disposed of their Norden Bombsite to prevent it from falling into enemy hands. One is left in awe at the determination of one group of Americans to find and save another group of Americans, an example of patriotism, valor and human decency writ large on the canvas of our World War Two years and replicated across continent and clime.

Editor's notes**KEEPING RETIREE & ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED**

All retirees are reminded to inform PPC (RAS) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (divorce, death, annulment, marriage, just to mention some), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay. Additionally, when you make a change with DEERS it **does not** constitute a change to your Retired Pay account since DEERS is a totally different system from RAS.

STATE TAX REMINDER: As a reminder when moving from one state to another and updating your home mailing address, don't forget to change your state tax withholdings. The retiree must request a change for state tax as an address change does not automatically change or stop the state information that the tax is being paid to.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

The Retiree Newsletter
Commanding Officer (P&D)
U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil
Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or
(785) 339-2236

PHS Statement of Service

To receive instructions on how to obtain a **PHS Statement of Service**, contact: alex.potter@hhs.gov. For a **corrected** Statement of Service send your email to: phsscassignments@hhs.gov.

Coast Guard/NOAA/PHS Retiree Personnel Locator: If you are searching for a Coast Guard/NOAA or PHS retired individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

**Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

Need a corrected DD-214?

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form, you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander (PSD-MR)
Personnel Service Center
US Coast Guard Stop 7200
4200 Wilson Blvd, Ste 1100
Arlington, VA 20598-7200

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN/Employee ID, and date of retirement.

More DD-214 information

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to request a copy of their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This will reduce the waiting time veterans have experienced in the past waiting for copies of their DD-214s. **Note:** This website only allows you to fill out the online form to request a copy of your DD-214. You will still need to mail or fax to NPRC to obtain a copy.

VA compensation payments and federal income taxes

If you retired from the USCG, NOAA or PHS based on years of service and are later given a retroactive service connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits that you would have been entitled to receive. The form 1099R reports the entire distribution because the income, when paid, was taxable under the law.

A corrected form 1099R which could support the decrease in taxable income will not be issued by PPC.

This policy is contained in the DOD Financial Management Regulations, VOL 7B and also is stated in the IRS instructions for Form 1099R, which directs that the entire income distribution will be reported if a part is taxable and a part is not taxable.

Retirees who are affected by this policy should consult a tax preparer for assistance. The retiree should provide copies of the Form 1099R and the VA Award Letter to claim a refund of taxes paid on the excludable amount.

You may also claim a refund of any taxes paid on an excludable amount in previous years by filing an amended return on Form 1040X, subject to Statute of Limitations.

Pay & Personnel Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

If you need information or have questions about:

- ◆ Your retired or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form *CG PPC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by telephone, by fax or in writing. Our telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1-800-772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change an allotment (you may use Form *CG PPC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request).
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may fax your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(*) Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>

E-mail: PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil

Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/>

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax or use *IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding, not federal, which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents)).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PPC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PPC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(*)Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>
or directly from the IRS

Report of Death

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA or PHS retiree/annuitant call:

Toll free: 1-800-772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil or call us at the numbers listed below. The deadline for the next issue is **Aug 9, 2015**

RETIREE CUSTOMER SERVICE

1-800-PPC-USCG/1-800-772-8724

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	1-800-538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1-866 363-2883	http://www.tricare.mil/deers In CA: 1-800-334-4162; In AK & HI 1-800-527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1-877-363-1303	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/Filling Prescriptions/TMOP
Retiree Dental Plan	1-888-838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1-888-777-8343	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS
TRICARE United States	phone numbers on their website	http://tricare.mil
TRICARE For Life	1-866-773-0404	http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm
Senior Pharmacy Program	1-877-363-6337	http://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WhoIsEligible/MedicareBeneficiaries
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1-800-582-3337	http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1-800-942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1-800-827-1000	http://www.va.gov
Insurance Information	1-800-669-8477	http://www.insurance.va.gov
Veterans Group Life Insurance		http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm
New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913	1-800-419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas fax # (973) 548-5300	Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Fax: 1-877-832-4943 All other fax inquiries: 1-800-236-6142 or e-mail: osgli.claims@prudential.com All other inquiries: osgli.osgli@prudential.com General Correspondence: Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 80 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068-1733
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1-800-827-1000	http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947	http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm
To join our mailing list to receive The Retiree Newsletter and other updates via email, send an email to: cgretired-owner@cqls.uscg.mil		

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Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1-866-772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/ Commanding Officer (SEP) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PPC (SEP) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.		
Travel Claims	1-866-772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Service Records	(314) 801-0800	http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/ Write to: National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138-1002
Veterans or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran can log on http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records and make requests. All others must write in and include complete name, rank/grade, SSN, dates of service and date of birth of the veteran. DD-214s are also available via the website.		
Social Security	1-800-772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
WWII U.S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html Maritime Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590 Attn: Patricia Thomas, W25314
National Coast Guard Retiree Council Help Desk Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE"	(202) 475-5381 or toll free 1-866-664-6245 (ext 55381)	E-mail: NRHDesk@gmail.com

ARE YOU NEARING YOUR 65TH BIRTHDAY? IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS

When you turn 65, your medical benefits will change. MEDICARE will become your primary medical coverage and TRICARE pays secondary to MEDICARE. You **MUST** enroll in MEDICARE PART B to retain your TRICARE coverage. If you are within 90 days of your 65th birthday, you should log on to <http://www.ssa.gov> or <http://www.medicare.gov> to enroll in MEDICARE PART B. Additional information can be found on the TRICARE web site at http://www.tricare.mil/Welcome/Eligibility/MedicareEligible.aspx?sc_database=web or by telephone at: 1- 866-773-0404. You may also call the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) at 800-538-9552.

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June 8, 2015

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Coast Guard must change the way pharmacy services are provided for retirees and dependents at Coast Guard dispensing locations. The Department of Defense (DoD) awarded a new TRICARE Pharmacy contract serving approximately 10 million beneficiaries. The contract implemented a new electronic medication reconciliation system that is incompatible with current Coast Guard electronic governance of pharmacy services.

In order to protect patient health, Coast Guard pharmacies will suspend prescription medication services for retirees and dependents until we identify a solution to this issue. This change is effective immediately and only applies to Coast Guard pharmacies. Retirees and dependents will continue to have access to the TRICARE pharmacy benefit through one of the alternate sources listed in the chart below. Prescription copayment costs depend on where prescriptions are filled and the type of drug:

Military Pharmacy	Home Delivery	Network Pharmacy
Get up to a 90-day supply of most prescription drugs.	Get up to a 90-day supply of most prescription drugs.	Get up to a 30-day supply of most prescription drugs.
\$0 copayment	Generic formulary: \$0	Generic formulary: \$8
Not all drugs are available (call first to check)	Brand name formulary: \$16	Brand name formulary: \$20
	Non-formulary: \$46 (unless medical necessity)	Non-formulary: \$47 (unless medical necessity)

I understand this may be an inconvenience to those who use our pharmacy services, and I regret this change is necessary. We are working hard to identify a solution that allows us to restore pharmacy services to our retirees and dependents. However, until that time, you should take advantage of one of the alternatives listed above.

The enclosure may answer questions you may have regarding this change. Additional questions regarding these changes may be directed to CDR James Cannon at (757) 628-4334, email james.d.cannon@uscg.mil or CAPT Daniel Hasenfang at (757) 628-4331, email daniel.l.hasenfang@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erica G. Schwartz".

Erica G. Schwartz
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Coast Guard Pharmacy Dispensing Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why can't I fill my prescriptions at a Coast Guard Clinic?

A: The Department of Defense (DoD) awarded a new TRICARE Pharmacy contract serving approximately 10 million beneficiaries. The contract implemented a new electronic medication reconciliation system. Unfortunately, this change is incompatible with current Coast Guard electronic governance of pharmacy services and means Coast Guard pharmacists no longer have access to the retiree and dependent medication histories. To ensure patient safety, the Coast Guard cannot fill retiree prescriptions at Coast Guard clinics.

Q: I have medications I need right now. Why didn't you alert me to this problem earlier so that I could have avoided a delay in getting a refill?

A: The Coast Guard was not aware that the Coast Guard electronic health record was incompatible with the new DoD electronic system.

Q: When will I be able to get my prescriptions filled at a Coast Guard Clinic?

A: It is unknown when the electronic health record system will be fixed. However, there are several other options available to retirees and dependents for prescription services. Pharmaceutical services are still available to active duty Coast Guard members.

Q: Where will I be able to get my prescriptions filled?

A: Changes to pharmaceutical services at Coast Guard facilities will not decrease the availability of TRICARE approved pharmacy services elsewhere. Individual prescriptions can still be filled through the TRICARE Prescription network, which includes the TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery Program and the retail pharmacy network.

Q: How will my prescriptions be filled through TRICARE?

A: This process is normally seamless to the patient. However, there may be some restrictions at the retail level for chronic medications that may require the use of mail order pharmacy. The only item required for mail order by the member is patient registration with Express Scripts, Inc., which manages the home delivery program. You may go online to learn more about the program and register at <http://www.express-script.com/TRICARE/homedelivery/> or by calling 877-363-1296.

Q: How do I find out if the medication I need is on the formulary, or has a prescribing restriction like requiring a prior authorization?

A: Access the TRICARE website to read the formulary and coverage requirements and limitations at: http://pec.ha.osd.mil/formulary_search.php.

Q: Will I have a copayment for my prescriptions with the TRICARE pharmacy program?

A: Except for active duty members, copayments are required for all prescriptions at the retail level. The Home Delivery Program has reduced copayments and offers NO copayments for generic medications and select over-the-counter items with a prescription. For a review of the current copayment schedules visit: <http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacycosts>.

Q: What do I do if the prescription gets rejected by TRICARE?

A: Rejections are rare and normally the result of an administrative error such as a required omitted form (i.e. Medical Necessity Form or Prior Authorization Form). This affects only a small portion of the prescription medications available on the TRICARE Prescription Program. If you receive one of these rejections, please contact the clinic's designated pharmacy representative for remediation.

Q: Does this change affect prescriptions for active duty Coast Guard members?

A: This change only applies to retirees and dependents. Medical records of active duty Coast Guard members are maintained at Coast Guard health services facilities and, therefore, pharmacists and medical professionals have access to the patients' medical and pharmaceutical history.

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